GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PACKAGE FOR DROUGHT AFFECTED AREAS
GADDE RAMAMOHAN

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh would not get the food assistance under drought relief assistance;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested to the UnionGovernment to sent a Central Team to study the situation in the State;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(e) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken by the Union Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a): The Central Government has recently allotted 1 lakh tones of rice at BelowPoverty Line (BPL) rates to the families in the drought affected areas.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) to (e): A Central Team had already visited the affected areas in the State sometime back to assess the situation in the wake of drought. Taking all relevant factors into account, the National Calamity Relief Committee had approved assistanceof Rs.75.36 crore from the National Fund for Calamity Relief in the wake of drought.This amount was released to the State on 31.3.2000. This was in addition to the allocation to the State for 1999-2000 under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)For the year 2000-2001, Rs.77.78 crores have already been released in advance under CRF.